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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PERP, KU, NARR, LE, LY
SUBJECT: QUESTION OF FURTHER KUWAITI SUPPORT FOR ADF

REF: KUWAIT 0879

1. HISTORY OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN LEBANON HAS BEEN TO
SUPPORT RADICAL, REJECTIONIST PALESTINIANS WITHOUT REGARD
TO LEBANESE INTERESTS. LIBYAN POLICY HAS NOT, THEREFORE,
BEEN CONDUCTIVE TO EITHER MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS OR RE-
ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN LEBANON.

2. TO EXTENT THAT LIBYA IS FINANCIER OF ADF IN LEBANON
PRESSURE ON SYRIA TO ABANDON ITS ESSENTIALLY MODERATE AND
HELPFUL ROLE WILL BE INCREASED. WE DO NOT THINK THIS IS
A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, IN LIGHT OF
SOME REPORTS COMING OUT OF ALGIERS "STEADFASTNESS FRONT"
CONFERENCE, IT MAY HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.

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3. SABAH AL-AHMAD MAY HAVE BEEN JOKING, BUT MATTER IS
VERY SERIOUS. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY KUWAIT MAKE
CLEAR TO KUWAITIS THAT SUPPORT OF MODERATE ARAB STATES,
INCLUDING KUWAIT, FOR ADF IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN
EVER. KUWAIT HAS PLAYED CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN LEBANON
SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ADF, AND CONTINUATION OF

THIS ROLE WILL SERVE ARAB AND KUWAITI LONG-TERM INTEREST.
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